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Dear Sri Nijalingappa,

Re: Kasaragod.

I read in a daily paper that in the course of a speech you made in South Kanara last week regarding Kasaragod you proposed calling a Conference at Bangalore on this topic.

2. That is also what you had told me during our talk on 13-7-1957. Since then Sri L...akkillaya and myself went to Trivandrum on 28th and 29th of last month and had a talk with Sris. Namboodripad and Krishna Iyer (the Law Minister). The former reiterated what he said he had told you and Sri Pant at Madras that his Government had no objection to the proposal made by the Congress at the election time namely, Manjeshwar and Kasaragod Firka going to Mysore and the case of the Kasaragod firka being referred to a tribunal, but that they were not prepared to take the initiative in the matter which rested largely with the Congress.

3. The proposal referred to above is in the photographic copy enclosed herewith. You did not have it when we talked about it last time. I am sorry to

hear that whilst the local Congressmen and even the Congress M.L.A. who got elected to the legislature on this formula from the Kasergod firka getting thereby the support of the Kannada and Tulu speaking people are still willing to abide by the proposal the newly elected president of the Kerala P.C.C., Shri Sadasivan is definitely against it. He has to be talked to by yourself or Shri P.G.Kallya.

4. There is also one further change in the atmosphere at Kasergod since the election time. And it is that whilst the Muslims (who form a good proportion of the Malayalam speaking population living in the Kasergod firka which is situated on both sides of the river Chandragiri) were for Kerala at the election time, the bulk of them have shifted in our favour and that is largely due to their dislike of the present Communistic atmosphere of the State. Their representatives are willing to see you and/or Bhatji and strengthen our hands.

5. You are aware that the reason advanced by the S.R. Committee to tack on Kasergod to Kerala was administrative convenience. This is of course ridiculous. But even for what it is worth even that ground is now taken away by what has happened since 1-11-1956. The old Kasergod taluk consisted of 5 firkas, Manjeshwar, Kumbla, Kasergod, Hosdrug and Nileshwar. During the Governor's regime these five ~~are~~ were split

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up into 2 different taluks, Kasergod consisting of the first three and Hosdrug of the last two. So that even this excuse is gone.

6. I have stated all this, so that in any step which you wish to take, you may know the latest developments. I wish to add, however, for various reasons the present is the crucial time and if you do not take initiative and handle the situation now i.e. in the next one or two months, it will be impossible to do anything later.

Jan 9th Sept. I shall be at Bangalore.

Yours sincerely,

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Enclosure Photostat
Copy of Sri C.K.
Govinda Nayar's letter.

Copy to Sri. S. Nakkillaya,
President, Karnataka
Samiti, Kasergod.